No. Fin(Pen)A(3)-1/2021-Part-II Government of Himachal Pradesh Finance (Pension) Department

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

25th February, 2022

NO

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of pension and family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2016.

1. The undersigned is directed to say that Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to accord sanction for regulation of pension/family pension of the pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01.01.2016, in the manner as indicated in the succeeding paragraphs. Separate orders have been issued in respect of employees who are retired/died on or after 01.01.2016.

2. These orders shall apply to all pensioners/family pensioners who were drawing pension/family pension as on 01.01.2016 under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

3. In these orders:

(a) 'existing pensioner' or 'existing family pensioner' means a pensioner to whom these orders are applicable in terms of Para-2 above and who was drawing or entitled to pension/family pension on 31.12.2015.

(b) 'existing pension' or 'existing family pension' means the basic pension (inclusive of commuted portion, if any) or basic family pension due on 31.12.2015.

4.1 The pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners shall be revised w.e.f. 01.01.2016, by multiplying the existing basic pension/ basic family pension due on 31.12.2015 by a factor 2.57. The amount of revised pension/family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to next higher rupee.

Illustration:-1

A 'X' Pensioner who was retired on 31.05.2015 drawing basic pay of Rs. 77,000/- in the Pay Band of Rs.37400-67000 + Rs. 10000 Grade Pay, shall get his pension revised as under: -

| | | Amount of Pension fixed in Rs. |
|----|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Pension fixed as on 31 st May, 2015 | 38500/- |

| 2. | Revised Pension fixed w.e.f. 1.1.2016 | 98945/- |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | (using a multiple factor of 2.57) | |

Illustration:- 2

A 'Y' Pensioner, had retired from service on 30.11.1997 drawing the basic pay of Rs. 892.5 in the pay scale of Rs 5800-9200. His pension shall be revised w.e.f. 01.01.20.6 as under: -

| | | Amount of Basic Pension fixed in Rs. |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Pension fixed on the date of retirement, as on 30.11.1997, as per the O.M. No. Fin(Pen.)A(3)-1/96-Part-I dated 31.8.1998. | 4463 |
| 2. | Basic pension revised, w.e.f. 01.01.2006, as per fitment Table of O.M. No. Fin. (Pen.)A(3)-Part-II dated 14.10.2009. | 10088 |
| 3 | Basic Penson revised w.e.f. 01.01.2016 (using a multiple factor of 2.57) | 25927 |

4.2 For this purpose, the existing pension/family pension will be the basic pension/family pension without the element of additional pension/family pension available to the old pensioner s/family pensioners of the age of 80 years and above. The additional pension/family persion payable to the old pensioners/family pensioners will be worked out in accordance with para 4.5 of this Office Memorandum.

4.3 Since the consolidated pension will be inclusive of commuted portion of pension, if any, the commuted portion will be deducted from the said amount while making monthly disbursement of pension.

4.4 The minimum pension with effect from 01.01.2016 will be Rs. 9000/- PM (excluding the element of additional pension to old pensioners). The upper ceiling on pension/ family pension will be 50% and 30% of highest pay Rs. 2,24,100/- with effect from 01.01.2016.

4.5 The quantum of additional pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/ family pensioners, attaining age of 80 years and above shall continue to be as follows: -

| Age of pensioner | Additional quantum of pension |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| From 80 years to less than 85 years | 20% of basic pension/ family pension |
| From 85 years to less than 90 years | 30% of basic pension/ family pension |
| From 90 years to less than 95 years | 40% of basic pension/ family pension |
| From 95 years to less than 100 years | 50% of basic pension/ family pension |
| 100 years or more | 100% of basic pension/ family pensio |

The amount of additional pension will be shown distinctly in the pension payment order. *For example*, in case where a pensioner is more than 80 years of age and his/her revised pension in terms para 4.1 above is Rs.20,000/- per month, the pension will be shown as (i). Basic pension=Rs. 20,000/- PM and (ii) Additional pension = Rs.4,000 PM. The pension on his/her attaining the age of 85 years will be shown as (i). Basic Pension = Rs.20,000 PM and (ii) additional pension = Rs.6.000 PM. The Dearness relief will be admissible on the additional pension/family pension.

4.6 The dearness relief, at revised rates shall be payable w.e.f. 01.01.2016 on the revised pension/family pension as arrived at as per paragraph 4.1.

4.7 The Interim Relief @ 21% already granted on basic pension/ basic family pension to Government pensioners/family pensioners from time to time shall be adjusted against the revised pension/family pension consolidated in terms of para 4.1 and extra payments, if any, shall be adjusted against arrears of the pension/family pension and future increases in dearness relief of the concerned pensioner/ family pensioner to be released in due course of time.

5. Where the revised pension/family pension in terms of paragraph 4.1 above works out to an amount less than Rs. 9000/-, the same shall be stepped up to Rs. 9000/-. This will be regarded as basic pension/family pension with effect from 01.01.2016

6. The existing instructions regarding regulation of dearness relief to employed/reemployed pensioners/family pensioners, as amended from time to time, shall continue to apply.

7. The cases of the State Government employees who have been permanently absorbed in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies will be regulated as follows: -

(a) PENSION

Where the Government servants on permanent absorption in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies continue to draw pension separately from the Government, the pension of such absorbees will be updated in terms of these orders. In cases, where the Government servants have drawn one-time lump-sum terminal benefits equal to 100% of their pensions and have become entitled to the restoration of one-third commuted portion of pension as per the instructions issued by this Department from time to time, their cases will not be covered by these orders. Orders for regulating pension of such pensioners will be issued separately.

(b) FAMILY PENSION

In cases where, on permanent absorption in public sector undertakings/autonomous bodies, the terms of absorption and/or the rules permit grant of family pension under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the family pension being drawn by family pensioners will be updated in accordance with these orders.

8.1 All Pension Disbursing Authorities including Public Sector Banks handling disbursement of pension to the State Government pensioners are hereby authorised to pay pension/family pension to existing pensioners/family pensioners at the revised rates in terms of para 4.1 and 5 above without any further authorisation from the concerned Accounts Officers/Head of Office etc.

8.2 Where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, consolidation may be done separately in terms of paragraph 4.1 and as indicated in paragraph 5 above, floor ceiling of Rs.9000/- may be applied to total pension from all sources taken together.

8.3 Where the age of pensioner/family pensioner is available on the pension payment order, the additional pension/family pension in terms of para 4.5 above may also be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities immediately without any further authorisation from the concerned Accounts Officer/Head of Office, etc. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be recorded by the Pension Disbursing Authorities in both halves of the Pension Payment Order (PPO). An intimation regarding disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the Pension Disbursing Authorities to the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) H.P. which had issued the PPO, so, that the latter can update the Pension Payment Order register maintained by him. An acknowledgement shall be obtained by the Pension Disbursing Authorities from the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), H.P. in this behalf.

8.4 In any case, information regarding date of birth is not available, the Pension Disbursing Authority may obtain the same from the Principal Accountant General (A&E), H.P. /Head of office. It will be the responsibility of the aforesaid offices to provide the information from the available records within fortnight of the receipt of request from the Pension Disbursing Authority.

9. The pension/family pension as worked out in accordance with provisions of Para 4.1 and 5 above shall be treated as 'Basic Pension' with effect from 01.01.2016. The revised pension/family pension includes dearness relief sanctioned from 01.01.2016 and shall qualify for grant of Dearness Relief sanctioned thereafter.

10. The pension/family pension at revised rates will be paid from the month of February, 2022 payable in the month of March, 2022. The arrears on account of consolidation of pension/family pension for the period w.e.f. 01.01.2016 to 31.01.2022 shall be paid in such a manner as may be decided by the Government in future.

11. It is considered desirable that the benefit of these orders should reach the pensioners as expeditiously as possible. All Pension Disbursing Authorities including Public Sector Banks handling disbursement of pension to the State Govt. pensioners are requested to ensure that the revised pension due to the pensioners in terms of the above orders are paid to the pensioners/ family pensioners immediately.

By order

Prabodh Saxena, IAS Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

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